

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003
ROOM 129, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Howard Stephenson, Co-Chair
 Rep. Gordon E. Snow, Co-Chair
 Sen. James Evans
 Sen. Karen Hale
 Sen. Lyle Hillyard
 Sen. Bill Wright
 Rep. Doug Agard
 Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
 Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
 Rep. LaVar Christensen
 Rep. David N. Cox
 Rep. Marda Dillree
 Rep. Glenn Donnelson
 Rep. John Dougall
 Rep. James Ferrin
 Rep. Karen Morgan

Staff Present: R. Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Ben Leishman, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Carol Ann Goodson, Arts Specialist, USOE
 Shirley Ririe, Co-Artistic Director, POPS
 Michael Ballam, Founder and General Director, Utah Festival Opera
 Vanessa Ballam, former Miss Utah
 Seth Jarvis, Director, Clark Planetarium
 Brent Anderson, Founder, Living Plant Aquarium

Visitor List on File

Committee Co-Chair Rep. Snow called the meeting to order at 2:09.

1. Approval of Minutes - MOTION: Rep. Donnelson moved to approve the minutes of the January 27 meeting. The motion passed with all present voting in favor.
2. Education Agencies Budget Presentation, Arts and Sciences Programs - Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, reported that the Fine Arts and Sciences Program provides funding to several organizations through a line item. The organizations provide educational demonstrations, performances, presentations, and activities for children in Utah's public schools.

The Clark Planetarium along with the Utah Museum of Natural History and the Children's Museum of Utah participate in the program as science providers.

The Analyst recommends \$2,899,000 for the Fine Arts and Sciences Program.

3. Arts and Science Presentation - Various groups from the arts and sciences programs were invited to participate in the meeting.

Shirley Ririe, Co-Artistic Director, of the Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools (POPS), introduced children from the "Children's Dance Theatre." The children danced as they presented copies of the POPS brochure to committee members. POPS is a partnership between Utah's professional arts and science organizations, Utah public schools, the Utah State Office of Education and the Legislature. Through POPS, arts and science programs go to schools throughout the state.

Michael Ballam, Utah Festival Opera Company, and daughter Vanessa Ballam, a former Miss Utah, performed for the committee in honor of the arts programs and the children transformed through these programs.

4. Carol Ann Goodson, Fine Arts Specialist, USOE, told the committee that the art and science organizations enhance the state core curriculum through performances, presentations and workshops enabling students and teachers to observe models of professional level arts and science performance instruction. She recommended that money be placed in an RFP to fund an evaluation that would provide information for a budget based on cost and on high quality of work.

Sen. Stephenson asked the committee to be aware of the RFP groups that lost all funding. These groups had gone through the RFP process and were ready to be considered for line item funding. He recommended a committee discussion on how to make things more equitable in view of the fact that some of the line item groups have indicated they would be willing to share some of their funds.

5. There was no response from the Governor's Office.
6. Clark Planetarium Presentation - Seth Jarvis, Director of the new Clark Planetarium, gave an overview and history of the old Hansen planetarium which is now closed, and a preview of the new planetarium. When the planetarium reopens on April 11 in the Gateway on Fourth West and First South, it will be named the Clark Planetarium in honor of the Clark Family Foundation who contributed \$1 million to the new planetarium. A video presentation took committee members on a virtual walk through the new building. The new planetarium will feature Utah's first IMAX theatre seating 230 people, and thousands of square feet of exhibit space.

7. Public Comment - Brent Anderson, founder of the Living Planet Aquarium, introduced his program with live birds and snakes. The program serves K-6 grade children, and will reach over 45,000 students this year in numerous programs, not only outreach but in field trips to their facilities. The Living Planet programs teach eco-systems, ecology and tie it into the core curriculum. A handout with further details of the program was distributed. Mr. Anderson said the Living Planet program is an incentive program that has helped gain other sponsors. They have leveraged contributions made through the POPS program five to one. He said the program has been expanded through the Utah Waters Van which teaches water conservation and water use. Mr. Anderson asked for committee support of the three year program of the Living Aquarium Outreach Programs.

Rep. Dillree recognized former Rep. Brent Haymond, Board President, Springville, Museum of Art. A packet from Springville Museum of Art was given to committee members.

8. Budget Presentation, Minimum School Program - Mike Kjar, Fiscal Analyst, presented budgets in the Minimum School Program.

The Analyst's Minimum School Program budget for FY 2004 was prepared with the 2003 appropriated budget as a base and adjustments made for enrollment changes and other adjustments as necessary. The Analyst's total recommendation is \$1,954,281,531 with \$1,567,443,694 recommended from the Uniform School Fund and \$386,837,837 in local revenues. The Uniform School Funding represents ongoing funding equal to FY 2003 appropriations plus a \$4,050,000 increase in the School Trust Land program. The Local Revenue is a 4.7 percent increase over FY 2003 revenue and represents 19.8 percent of the total budget.

Each one percent increase in the value of the Weighted Pupil Unit will cost approximately \$16,100,000 to \$17,300,000 depending on the number weighted pupil units approved by the Legislature and possible increases for non WPU driven programs.

The Analyst recommends increased program funding of \$4,050,000 for the State Trust Lands Program, and \$11,560,600 for student growth. Funding for the Voted and Board Leeway programs are required to be increased by statute. This will need an appropriation of \$4,787,850 or a statutory change if the increase is postponed. The analyst has not included this amount in the budget at this time. Retirement rate increases are estimated to require an additional \$12.7 million for FY 2004. Estimated health and dental premium increases are estimated at \$13 million.

One time funding appropriated for FY 2003 is removed from the budget for FY 2004. As a result, \$18,189,100 of base funding is reduced from the beginning base budget for FY

2004 since this amount had previously been replaced in FY 2003 with one time revenue sources.

Details on the Minimum School Program budget is in the budget book.

9. Adjourn - MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Howard Stephenson, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Gordon Snow, Committee Co-Chair